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In re application of

Ralf Bertram

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Appln. No.: 09/995,328

Group Art Unit: 1621

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Examiner: Zucker, Paul A.

For: Process for the Preparation of Phenylene-Bis-  
Benzimidazole-Tetrasulfonic Acid Disodium Salt

Attorney Docket No.: 3968.026

Customer Number: 00004288

PETITION TO DEFER ISSUANCE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.314

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Sir:

Applicant hereby petitions for a deferral of the issuance of the above-captioned application, for which the issue fee was paid on March 15, 2004.

Applicant advised the undersigned on April 5, 2004, that, without deceptive intent, it had discovered that an inventor had been omitted from the Declaration filed in this case. Applicant respectfully petitions that issuance of the above patent application be deferred for a sufficient time (at least one (1) month) to permit filing and consideration of a Petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.48(a) to correct the inventorship.

The Applicant and Assignee are located in Germany, and the deferral is requested so that documents may be prepared and executed in support of the Petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.48(a).

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